

# **“STITCH TO THE FINISH LINE WITH MACHINE QUILTING”** 5-11

## **WORKSHOP TAUGHT BY**

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Beginner to Intermediate

### **Description**

Dig yourself out from under all those pieced tops and finish them with machine quilting. We will cover all aspects of machine quilting including using a walking foot, darning/free motion foot and taming with those tantalizing threads. Practice will include ways of breaking away from using pre-determined quilting patterns and encouraging “you” to become the creator. Whether this is your first experience at machine quilting, or you are ready to branch into free motion, you will gain practical tips and confidence. The class will begin with using practice sandwiched kits, then move to discuss how to quilt a wall sized, layered project you bring from home.

**Supply list attached.**

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### **SUPPLY LIST**

#### **Required:**

Sewing machines provided for this class

Pen or pencil

Threads:

Cotton thread for initial practicing neutral color and a contrast for practicing

Monofilament thread – YLI, **or** Mono-Poly brand by Superior Threads, clear

*OPTIONAL : for the student wanting to explore the use of quilting with specialty threads:*

Jeans Stitch thread- 30 weight -heavier thread for more texture

One spool of rayon and/or metallic thread

Thread-a color to coordinate with your wall hanging -- if you get to it

Microtex Sharp sewing machine needles, size # 12(80)

Schmetz Top Stitch size # 14 (90) sewing machine needles

**Optional, but recommended:** machine quilting gloves---Machingers- size small or x-small

**BATTING:** I recommend Warm and Natural or (White) batting for machine quilting, Quilter's

Dream Cotton or Legacy by Pellon (I do not recommend puffy poly batting for machine quilting)

**Optional Supplies for marking quilt top:** blue water soluble marking pen, soap slivers, 1" masking tape

#### **For beginning practice session:**

*Sandwiched machine quilting practice kits:* Using muslin, or older light solid fabric (rather than a print), make 3 to 4 sandwiched kits approx. 18 –24" square to use for practice. To make a kit: cut top layer, cut batting and backing layer about 1 1/2" larger, pin baste together with 1 1/2 long safety pins. Pin about every 5." Sandwiched kits are for making stitch samplers and for confidence building practice.

*Layered wall hanging:* Once you have spent time with the practice kits, *you may be ready* to tackle the layered wall hanging you will bring from home. At Home: Layer and pin-baste (use safety pins every 5" or so) a pieced wall hanging you just have not gotten around to quilting. (or just bring an unlayered top to talk about) Choose a project that is between approx. 24" and 45" for class. As a group, we will discuss options for quilting the layered projects you bring. (\*\*I do not recommend puffy nylon batting for machine quilting.)

**WE DO NOT HAVE ROOM FOR STUDENTS TO LAYER AND PIN BASTE THEIR PIECES, SO COME TO CLASS WITH YOUR PRACTICE KITS ALREADY LAYERED.!**